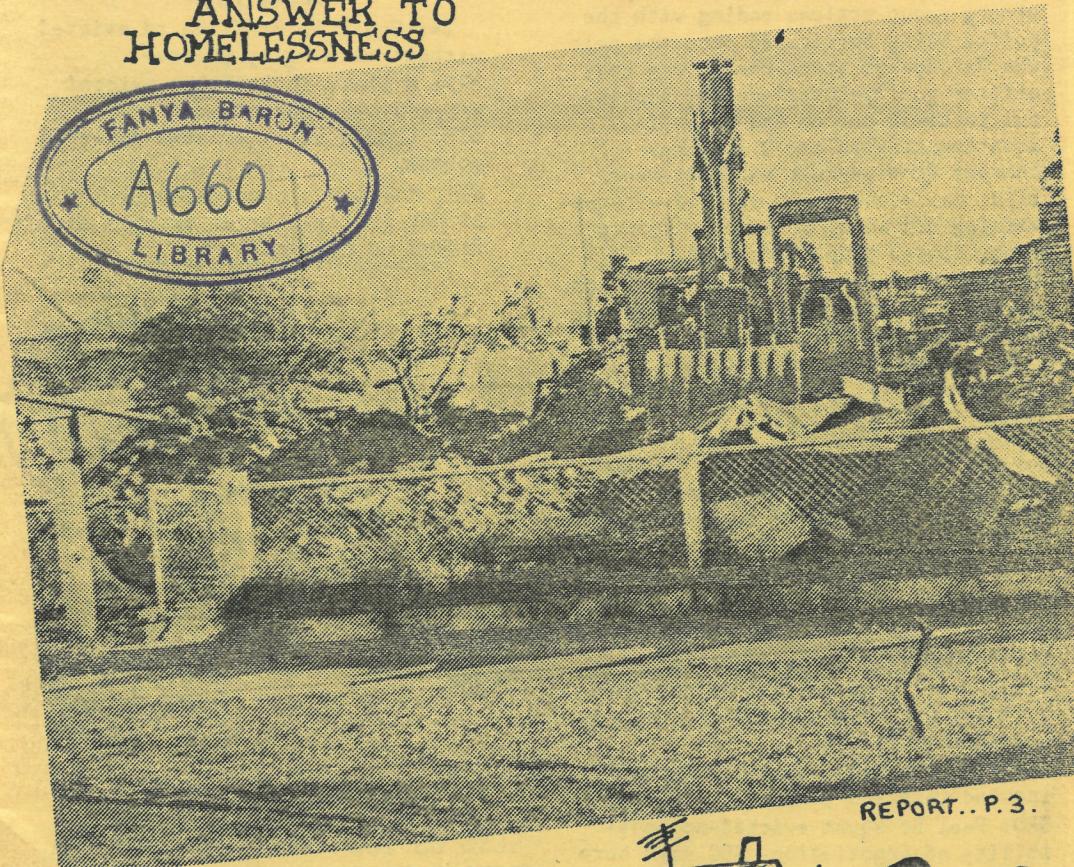


SQUAT IT NO 9.

PRESTON CITY COUNCIL'S
ANSWER TO
HOMELESSNESS



REPORT.. P. 3.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

JUNE

WOT'S HAPPENED...

9TH: Squat in Maidstone has fence burnt by local yobos.
Pier Cafe squat attacked by goons.-rocks thrown thru windows-hit and runs by cowardly boys!-people turn up to boost no's and protect squat.
12TH: 3CR goes to Aust. Broadcasting Tribunal-license renewal under threat because of charges of 'lible'-
14TH: Demo at Pier against warships-strong group actions ending with the police being barricaded onto the pier (Ha Ha!)-paint bombs thrown-one navy officer got 'painted'-police successful in break out on 2nd attempt-squatters singled out-9 arrests-charges from assault to incitement.
17TH: Maidstone squat evicted without warning-MOH with, of course, police protection-3 people arrested.
18TH: Interview on 3UZ with MP Leigh-gave Leigh and capo's good hiding-mark another one up for squat media
24TH: Squatting community forum-poor publicity, poor turnup-great forum.
26TH: person goes from group to National Union of Unemployed People conference in Wollongong to give report on activites of squatters here
27TH: Police initiated an eviction in Station St Carlton (bastards!)-4 arrested.

JULY

1ST: Orphanage evicted-squatters leave quietly-no police, no hassles-building gutted & boarded up (perhaps for another 21 yrs)
Orphans squat SEC building in Collingwood (empty 5 yrs)-
3RD: Peel St squat evicted-no possibility of negotiation- SEC says homelessness is not their problem.
6TH: Squatter given 24 hrs notice to move out of church owned house in Mt Dandenong.
8TH: Squatters in Ballarat rd Maidstone win one. One house allocated new residence- police refuse to evict (amazing) another because the householder had only 8 wks til allocation of new home.

10TH: Maidstone courtcase (i)-1 plea of guilty-\$150 fine.

18TH: Gig at Firestation- good nite had by all

Koori Press & SU offices broken into (nite of gig)-money stolen and who knows what else-CO AND ROB THE RICH YOU SHITHEADS!!!

22ND: Ivanhoe court cases-7 charges dropped-highest fine \$150 (snigger, snigger)-2 squatters accept 'bonds'

28TH: Squat in Arran St Footscray evicted on a ½ hrs notice-squat bulldozed in front of squatters eyes

-AUGUST-

TH: Squat in St Kilda rd evicted without warning by police-

3RD: 6 flats in St Kilda evicted after 3 wks squatting.

4TH: Coburg squat evicted after 18 months.

6TH: Maidstone courtcase (ii)-1 plea of not guilty-charges dropped as MOH failed to appear.



SEND US YOUR ARTICLES AND/OR A DOLLAR TO KEEP THIS AMAZING LITTLE RAG HUMMING OFF THE PRESSES.....
...OR ELSE YOU'LL BE KIDNAPPED & DRUGGED.....YOU DIDN'T THINK SQUATTERS DID SUCH THINGS?...DON'T YOU READ THE SUN?????

HOMEBUSTERS

On the 5th of May, during a malicious attack on the SU, 2 squats in Blanch St Preston were evicted.

Under police protection, the owners (Preston Council) brought in scabs to break into the house while the people were out and remove their belongings. One of the residents arrived home to find the eviction in full swing.

Today, all that is left is a ditchdigger surrounded by piles of debris and 6 more people are homeless.

This eviction, carried out by a council who pledged it's support for IYSH, shows clearly where the councils interests really lie. They, like all the other land profiteers, prefer to make money thru demolishing, redeveloping, selling, or just leaving to rot, 100's of homes and buildings while thousands of people remain homeless.

Once again it is obvious that the govt, from the local level through to the federal level, are doing nothing more than paying lip service to the poor and homeless in this society and that in reality the methods used to stop people from alleviating their own crisis situations are becoming more violent and callous.

IYSH - A TOKEN GESTURE BY A TOKENISTIC GOVERNMENT!!!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:



... TO SMASH THE HOMELESS

You might have thought that if you just stay at home, you'd be safe... pretty soon now you'll be receiving a visit from your local Neighbourhood Watch Zone Leader - the local police stooge, unelected and police vetted - asking you to sign a petition asking for more police... 'absolutely nothing to do' with the Police Assoc. campaign for more police according to Tom Newman - the state N-Watch committee chairperson. They just want them to open up another 100 N-watch areas. Needless to say many will be intimidated by their local Zone Leader appearing on their step and will sign - just as it isn't a terribly good idea to be the only house in your zone without a N-Watch sticker. N-Watch is gradually becoming more politicized... The HERALD 2/7 says 'individuals at Neighbourhood Watch meetings across Melbourne are being urged to speak out about penalties.' Heraldizing a right-wing push to increase penalties for 'criminals'. No doubt Inspector Friend [no kidding] who is in charge of the scheme is doing nothing to stop the local fascists gaining control - he is concerned though that the scheme is losing volunteers' energy and many areas don't even have their own Zone Leader - Shock, Horror...

Rumours of vigilante groups being formed in the Outer Eastern suburbs were publicized in the SUN... meanwhile the police have refused to take any action over the continual bricking of the Princes Pier Cafe by persons unknown... roll on our banana republic?.....

ORDER LAW

The last couple of months have seen an acceleration in the trend towards a police state. Though the individual events and 'reforms' of the legal system may seem innocent enough, as a whole they add further to the power of the state to put down unrest-unrest that with the continuing attacks on living standards is sure to build.

Early in the year readers of the SUN were greeted with a full front page exposé of Railway police violence... However rather than disband this group of economic police-whose main task is to make sure that the poor pay for tickets-the gov't chose to sack some... those who were stupid enough to bash people in public...and take on 45 Vicpol instead. This means that the RIOs who work in triplets have one fully fledged policeman[and of course the Vicpol never bash any one]with them

at all times...allowing them to pursue you off railway property,check up on false names,conduct body searches and generally harrass the poor more efficiently. While public safety is used as an excuse for these new railway police having staff at stations from first til last train and keeping guards would do far more for this as they would be there all the time rather than just occasionally.

Increasing crime rates were given by the police as the reason for needing more police,however these figures were rubbery to say the least,eg.while the murder rate had gone up the vast majority of these were by people known by the victim[the same goes for rape too] so that police propaganda depicting intruders breaking in from the night is basically bullshit. Anyway, using lies and a sympathetic media to push their case the police succeeded in pushing the government to provide 300 more of these filth over the next 3 years-the same government that cries poor and has to overwork teachers and destroy jobs in transport. Anyone who has been hassled ,arrested or bashed by the cops would doubt that there was a need for any more of them.

The Police Association had asked for 2000 extra police...however what they didn't get in extra numbers they got in increased powers. Amusingly, the day after the increase in powers was announced the AGE chose to run a 4 day special on pol-



ice, 4 days of pro-police propaganda of the most insipid human interest kind. The new powers given to the police included an increase in phone tapping powers, the right to fingerprint suspects [something that they'd been doing already under threats of violence], and the right to keep suspects for a 'reasonable' length of time- whatever that is. This is probably the most dangerous new power as previously you only had to endure 6 hours of questioning with threats of phone books and the like... now the police can threaten that if you don't 'co-operate' they'll keep you for even longer.



By the by, I've heard a number of people mentioning that police who've picked them up have been smacked out...

Anyway, if you have been bashed by the filth and try and follow it up through the Police Complaints Authority there's now a new hurdle in your path-the AGE 4/8 reported that the PCA was going to be made exempt from Freedom of Information. Mr. Kennan [Attorney General] said 'It had been a mistake not to exempt them in the first place'... so if there's been a cover up over your bashing within the PCA you can just forget about it....

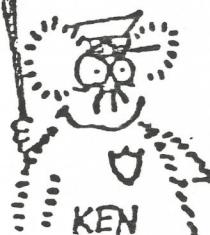
On the 14/6 the most militant demo for ages in Melbourne was smashed by 70 police and 4 horses. About 200 demonstrators who'd survived the speeches earlier in the anti-N-ships demo at Princes Pier used the barricades provided by the Port Authority to barricade the police into the pier [behind the 3m. fence]. Once the police made it over the fence they proceeded to order all the demonstrators off the Pier within 3 minutes. When they refused to move, motor bike helmeted cops [without ID] and horse moved in and cleared the pier in the oncoming darkness. This is the only time in recent years where a 'legal' demo in a 'legal' place has been busted up in such a way

TRASH OF ALL NATIONS

OH THERE'S TRASH IN EVERY NATION
AND THERE'S TRASH ON EVERY SIDE
THERE'S TRASH OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW
WHEN YOU LOOK OUTSIDE
THERE'S TRASH OUTSIDE YOUR VOLVO
WHEN YOU TAKE A RIDE
THEY'RE KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR _DOOR
AND THEY WANT TO COME INSIDE
YES THERE'S TRASH IN EVERY NATION
AND THEY'RE SICK OF BEING TRASH
THEY'RE SICK OF BEING TORTURED
THEY'RE SICK OF BEING BASHED
THEY'RE SICK OF BEING LIED TO
AS THOUGH THEY CANNOT SEE
THEY'RE SICK OF LIVING SLAVERY
AND BEING TOLD THAT THEY'RE FREE
OH THERE'S TRASH UPON YOUR TV SET
BEING BEATEN UP BY COPS
SOME OF THEM ARE FIGHTING BACK
SOME ARE THROWING ROCKS
SOME OF US ARE LAUGHING
THOUGH WE HAVEN'T GOT A HOPE
I'D HATE TO BE A CYNIC
BROKEN, NUMBED AND DOPED
OH THERE'S TRASH OUTSIDE YOUR COURTROOMS
AND THERE'S TRASH INSIDE YOUR JAILS
THERE'S TRASH INSIDE THE UNIONS
AND THERE'S MORE BEYOND THE PALE
THEY'RE LIVING LIVES OUTSIDE YOUR LAWS
YOUR POLICE ARE IN VAIN
WE'LL SCORN TO LIVE IN SLAVERY
BOUND BY IRON CHAINS.



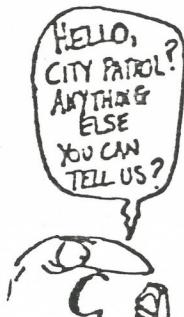
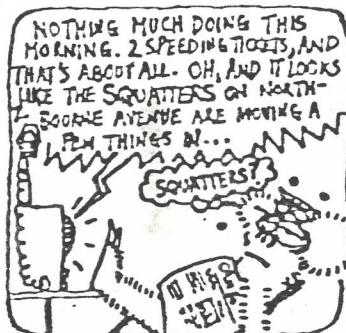
THE ADVENTURES OF CONSTABLE KEN (THE SPECULATOR'S FRIEND)



THIS WEEK...
SAVING THE
FREE
WORLD...

ANOTHER DAY IN
THE TREBLESS FIGHT
AGAINST CRIMINAL
SUBVERSION...

THIS IS CAR 49
CITY PATROL
REGGIE...



SQUATTING THEN-1820's

1830's, 1840's.

Squatting bushrangers, pioneers, capitalists and entrepreneurs, hard to believe? The foundations of white Aust. were based upon these types of bricks.

With a fervent fever frantic immigrants, seeing dollar signs in everything with four legs, groped at the land. They groped and grabbed disregarding the indigenous caretakers - the Aborigines. Swatting them out of their bulldozing momentum like they would the kangaroos. Mounted profiteers with guns plunged beyond the 9 counties, laid down by Darling, in search of the ideal land on which to graze their stock for profits.

The whites' assumption of squatters originally encompassed the stockstealing, bushranging nomads who would set up groghouses along well known tracks, converse, exchange and get drunk. These so called ill reputes gained a heap of attention from the govt. who tried in vain to concentrate the colonies and prevent dispersion. These squatters were written about in the Spectator and the Gazette both of which regarded them as vermin and something to look down upon. The Council Committee for Police and Gaol Establishments waged war on these types and used militant tactics to discourage convicts to squat.



With the influx of capital from England the need for more grazing land increased and the small capitalists, ex-convicts, ex-officials and immigrants moved illicitly to the bush and took their shot at squatting.

The rents being thrice as high as in England and food and clothing being just as expensive most labourers, tradespeople and peasants had to struggle for day to day existence in the debauched colony of Sydney. To travel to the outer perimeters civilized ones had to have enough money to provide themselves with food and supplies for at least a couple of months. The options were limited, one could gain a ticket of leave with good behaviour and be given a small block of land, supervise convicts or work for an upper class signeur, at their scrutiny. It was quite different, of course, if you had a reputable name or money. You could get a loan from one of the prospering merchants or bankers to buy supplies.

ies to travel beyond the 9 counties to look for the ideal land to take and graze your stock. Stock markets were booming at this time due to capitalists with too much money. The merchants and bankers would lend money to these entrepreneurs and ask a third of all future profits.

With the increasing amount of well regarded people squatting the laws consequently changed. From an all out attack upon squatters to a policy not only accepting squatting but legally enforcing it, the govt. swept over the injustices with a series of meetings with more jargon. The concentration of the attention to squatting was in the years 1829 'til 1836. Also with the increased concern for control over the land council members, magistrates, and officials pushed a body of officials to address the squatting matter more diligently. This lead to the passing of an act that would "enable any man with a reputable character to occupy crown land without putting himself outside the law". It also lead to the formation of the Commissioners of Crown Land, who were primarily a tool of the govt. to eject undesirables and keep tabs on the ever increasing population. All of this was carried out without the consultation of the aborigines or even the suggestion that the aborigines needed to be consulted or considered.

Small capitalists continued to plough through the landscape becoming wealthy graziers beyond New England across the Murray and past Gundagai encompassing an area of more than 120,000 square miles, the squatting movement was evidently taking a firm grip on the vast landscape. The squatters of this time frequently used guns as fences

protecting what they thought was their land. More often than not massacres and killings of both aborigines and infringing squatters went by unchecked...



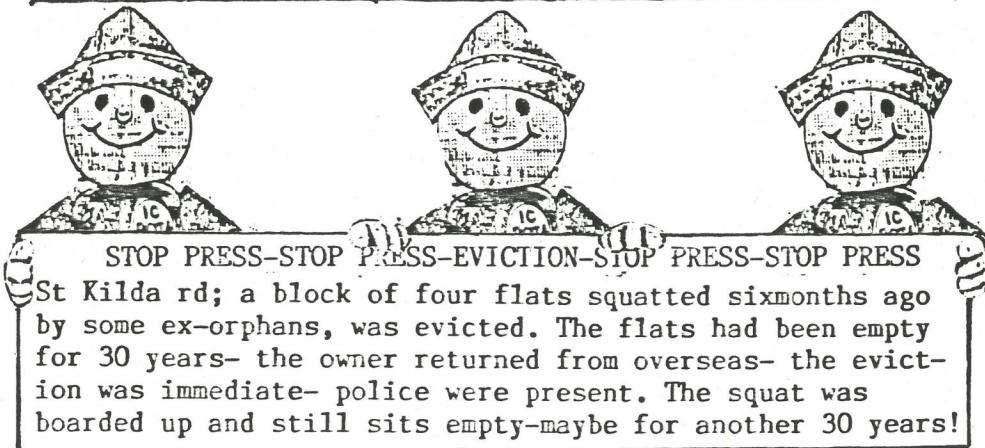
At first the aborigines resisted the takeover but were overcome with guns and anger. The landholders, angered by the killings of their stock by the aborigines would take it upon themselves to issue unwarranted rapes and enslavement.

With the introduction of the act of 1836 and the effectuation of the commissioners came a licensing fee of £10/year and fines for infringers of £10, £20, and £50. The profiteering cascade

continued to infringe on the land the aborigines, too caught up in the trivialities of the laws and prone to notice anything askew. The ignorant attitudes of the hierarchy is evident in the early foundations of white Aust. With the refusal to accept the

term squatting and the pure act of squatting. At first directing the term to a group of undesirables it was not long before it became evident that every immigrant of England was precisely that, a squatter. Meagre attempts by the govt were made to hide the reality of squatting and laws to validate it subtly were enforced. The ignorant attitudes of the hierarchy still exist today but the plight of squatters is far different from the profiteering stock holders of the 1820's, '30's and '40's.....

Give US your mind



HANS KOK MEMORIAL RIOTS!

Hans Kok Memorial Riots

AMSTERDAM-In October 1986, several actions took place to protest government failure to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a squat activist. Hans Kok was found dead in his jail cell in October 1985 following police raids and arrests at an Amsterdam squat.

On October 24, 1985, the pigs evicted (unexpectedly and on false grounds) the house of a woman and a child. District housing activists the Living Group Staatielenbuurt didn't accept this and resquatted the house with 200 people within 2 hours. During this resquat, the pigs shot at the squatters injuring some.

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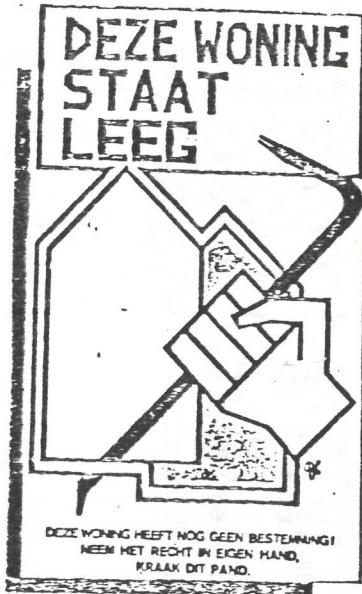
Later that day a large force of pigs evicted the squat again, causing many wounded on both sides. The 32 people remaining inside were arrested with extreme violence. The pigs wanted revenge for their wounded mate and the arrested were subjected to miserable conditions; no blankets or mattresses for cots, lights on 24 hours and no medical attention.

Next day during the delivery of lunch, Hans Kok was found dead in his cell 821.

A year later, several actions took place because the authorities still hadn't investigated the circumstances under which Hans died, despite continuous pressure from his family and friends.

On October 21, windows were broken and smoke and paint bombs thrown into the houses of the bailiff who had the house evicted, the doctor who visited Hans in his cell, the assistant public prosecutor, and the chief constable.

Then on October 25, exactly one year after the murder, about 3,000 people marched to police headquarters to demonstrate and to place flowers.



During the demo a poster was spread reading, 'You murdered Hans Kok, we will get you!' and including the photos names, addresses and phone numbers of those responsible for Hans' death. Many of these people haven't had a quiet night since October 25th.

At the end of December 1986, conclusions of the investigations were finally released. But they are composed of reports from several institutions and it's almost impossible to wade through the more than 5000 pages of medical and bureaucratic language.

The mayor of Amsterdam, Ed van Thijn, intellectual father of the present anti-squatter policy and minister of justice Korthals Altes acted together to avoid punishing the people who are guilty of killing Hans by saying that:

- Hans was an addict
- the doctor who examined Hans isn't guilty because he didn't notice Hans was ill
- the assistant public prosecutor did see that Hans was ill but he's not guilty because he's no doctor
- the guards who left Hans and the others in their cells for 14 hours without bedding didn't go too far because nobody had ever told them how far they were allowed to go

- the guard who should have told them what care was required isn't guilty either, because the whole structure in the prison block is chaotic
- the persons responsible for this chaotic structure, the mayor and the chief commission of police, are not guilty because they were just starting to change this structure
- the politicians who could have called the mayor and commissioner to account failed to do so
- the fact that the pigs were seeking revenge against the squatters was ignored

During an 'action night' called to protest the cover-up, a police station was firebombed and several police cars were vandalised.

INKERMAN ST.

A SHORT-LIVED DREAM

Well the saga of the orphans continues in brilliant soap-opera style, after our untimely eviction from Peel St we spent about a week bumming around looking for houses. We finally found five empty flats in Balaklava and moved in, they were great places, single story and spread out with a huge back-yard which the cats delighted in. The flats had been empty for about a year and were quite messy, we spent a day cleaning them up and investigating the shady history of the flats and the people who used to live in them. (There was a statement/confession written on one of the walls by a womyn who used to live there : saying that all charges against her were false and that sgt Lars Holden of St-kilda police had beaten a confession out of her and gave her and others heroin if they promised to say the right thing in court.)



The flats were worked out so that there were two separate kitchens, a communal lounge-room and a library in the verandah/sunroom there was also going to be a sewing room and t.v. room. Most of the meals were communal and we went out together to see films and to pubs. Someone came around and told us that the places had been sold to a real-estate agent for 3/4 a million dollars and



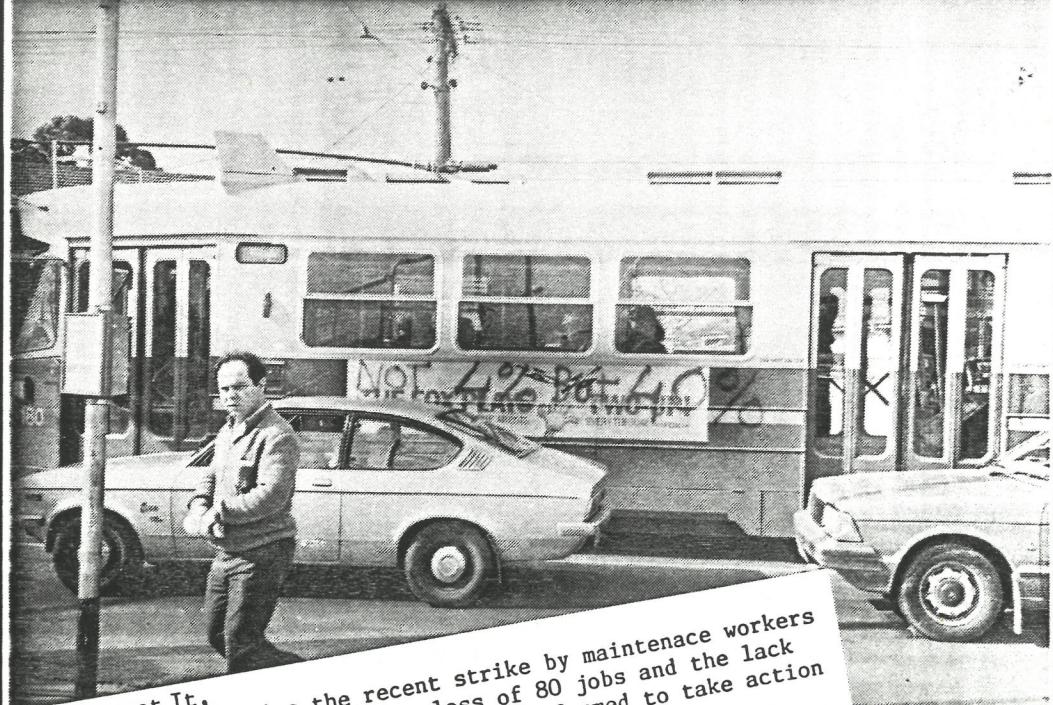
work wouldn't start work on them until march next year. A bubble of joy enveloped the whole place as plans were made boxes of books poured in for the library and two cats decided to move in as the other cats had told them what it was like. (Warm fire, lots of food and lots of furniture to sit on while the stupid humans sit on the floor.)

The whole spirit of the squat was embodied in the party for Robbie's birthday which was a feast of food, drugs and love with total madness as icing contributed by a room full of people as well as cats, dogs and rats.

The bubble of joy was soon destroyed as the owner came around with a worker and told us that he'd just bought the place and two families were going to move in, one of them being the family he is a part of. We got two days notice, the worker dropped in occasionally but seemed to know nothing so we decided to stay until we were thrown out as the whole deal sounded slightly shady, there were no more communal meals though, no parties, no laughter, just sullen silence. After being there another week we awoke to the flats being pulled down around us, we soon left, we found out that the owner has properties all over the place, the family story was just another lie in a world run on lies. The flats had their toilets and sinks removed and the wall to the back flat was pulled down and that's it. They have been made un-livable and now sit there empty. If there is any justice in this world the owner should have his eyes blow-torched out and be skinned alive. We moved to Lansdowne road which was the pitts, it was due to be demolished and is a complete pig-sty, we also had spat having premature kittens so we had to sit around and watch as they slowly died, tailing the house with the smell of death while spat meowed painfully for her owner who wasn't there.

Stay tuned to the next issue of squat-it for more, will we ever find a home, find out next month.





Dear Squat It, During the recent strike by maintenance workers at the Preston yards over the loss of 80 jobs and the lack of job security, a community group was formed to take action in support of the strikers.

The few remaining trams still operable at the Preston depot were graffitied with slogans supporting the strike and pointing out the dangers involved in the job cuts and the resulting worsening of the transport service.

It was a successful action as the bosses were forced to let the trams run, complete with slogans, and the messages were displayed from one end of the Bundoora/city line to the other. The cuts to public transport will have serious effects on the users: trams will be fewer and less reliable and poorer maintenance, due to increased work pressure, will lead to lower safety standards and more accidents.

The Transport Users Support Group feels that it is time we stopped blaming the govt and bosses for bad services and industrial disputes that the workers for bad services and industrial wage cuts across the board.

We hope that in during future strikes/diputes other community groups will form to take action in support of workers and no longer side (thru inaction) with the govt and bosses accepting their lies about 'greedy, irresponsible workers'.

THEY are the ones who are greedy and irresponsible. They are nothing more than profiteers who treat workers like slaves to line their own pockets, causing the community to suffer thru deteriorating services everywhere.

Active support and solidarity from the community to ensure success for future workers demands for secure, decent jobs and adequate, affordable and efficient services for their community.

In struggling for a better world, the Transport Users Support Group.

ABORIGINAL FILM FESTIVAL NATIONAL ABORIGINES WEEK - 1987.

SUNDAY 7pm - Official Opening

8pm - Forgotten People

Living Conditions on the Murray-

1987

SPECIAL PREVIEW _ Link Up Diary

Barbakieuaria

MONDAY: 7th 10-12

Yirrkala Adventure

Mundu Nyuringu

Yipirinya

MONDAY 7th 3-5pm

Secret Country

Because They're Black

Murawina - Self Help

TUESDAY 8th 10am

KOORI YOUTH - LIVE ON AIR
ON RADIO 3CR.

BE AT THE GLASSHOUSE

TUESDAY 8th 3-5pm

Country Outcasts

Hard Times

Wrong Side of the Road

WEDNESDAY 9th 10-12

Fighting Gunditjmara

Is there anything to
Celebrate in 1988?

Two songs by Dougie
Young

WEDNESDAY 9th 1:30pm

LIVE POETRY - PLUS FILMS-

A TIME TO DREAM KARBARA

(NOTE: to be held at the
Aboriginal Advancement League
2 Watts St Thornbury)

THURSDAY 10th 10-12

Bush Medicine

Bushed

Protected

THURSDAY 10th 3-5pm

My Survival as an Aboriginal

Black Deaths in Custody

Amy

FRIDAY 11th 10am

ANNUAL NADOC MARCH

DEPARTS ABORIGINAL HEALTH

SERVICE - 136 GERTRUDE

STREET

FRIDAY 11th 3-5pm

Couldn't be Fairer

Uluru- An Anangu Story

Black Fire

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CES: STATE MONITORS

The CES plays a dual role. As stated by the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (Finding 85/211) the purpose of the CES registration is:

- (a) to ensure that persons are in a position to secure paid employment, through the use of CES services.
- (b) to serve as a "rule of thumb" so that the Dept (of Soc. Sec) has a readily available register signifying that a person is complying with the provisions (of the Soc Sec Act) of section 107 (1) (c).

This is the section which says we must be fit, available, and ready for work, and out there looking for it. It is part of what is called the 'work test'. ACOA, the union that DSS members are supposed to belong to, in line with govt policy of encouraging membership of the appropriate union, has a policy of opposition to the work test. This is because the work test is a barbarous, neanderthal, stupid and bigotted piece of bullshit that implies that anyone on the dole is probably a dole-bludging bastard and that anyone who doesn't agree with the work test probably is some kind of political pervert.

With regard to the first of the CES purposes, (a), the only figures available as to the CES's effectiveness at finding jobs for people were produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 1983. They showed that of all those who obtained paid employment thru the survey period, less than 20% found work thru the CES. The survey was never repeated. It shows that the CES is the same bungling, incompetent, and useless organisation that we always thought it was.

As to it's second purpose, (b), this put in other words is the Dept's police force for the unemployed. They are a useless bunch of bastards, they treat us like shit, they laugh at our expense, we pay them every time we pay a dollar of tax. They are incompetant, yet we have to come crawling into their offices when the scum call us, we have to report to them fortnightly under Hawkes new plan of poverty and repression, and we are expected to be nice and polite to them these toilet trained little Hitlers, or they tell the DSS to cut our dole off. They don't give a stuff if we starve to death in the straets as long as their rules and regulations are working.

These people are the real bludgers and scum. Most of them can read, they can read a newspaper, they can see that the govt policies are putting people on the dole and creating misery, yet they are content to sit there, unsackable and unaccountable faceless morons, and tell us how tp conform to their rules, how to dress for our new masters, and why we should be polite.

FUCK THEM!!!!



MY BMW's
got Mag wheels!

So what! Mine's
got a moonroof!

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Hey guys,
when do
we get a
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we'll print
100 pamphlets,
in a 5 week
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1997 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF A SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

BIG BOYS do need a 'DADDY and MUMMY!!!!
So if a BB is found in 'your' squat....
apply these few valuable learning experiences.....
1! Shopping,...point him in the direction of a friendly food co-op to obtain essentials in cereal, oil, peanut paste legumes and herbs.
2! Toilet...Indicate to him that Loo can be kept unclogged if the pages of Real Estate and Motor Market are torn into little pieces (no more than 2 columns wide)
3! Kitchen...very popular so advise regular wasn up of the various cooking and eating paraphenalia contained within.
4! 1st hand knowledge of pages from 'Treason' describing how to say nothing of importance or relevance to any cop who may visit to kick the squat out.
5! Tactics...awareness training in lock barrel and barricade.
6! Before going out...sweep clear floor, ceiling, roof, rafter,wall and fridge.and if none of this helps, freight that Boy in polypop padded postpak to...Daddy, Mummy, c/o Hypermarket Houselands.
..he might even teach them a thing or 2



The Mag That Blew Out The Sun!! **SQUAT IT**

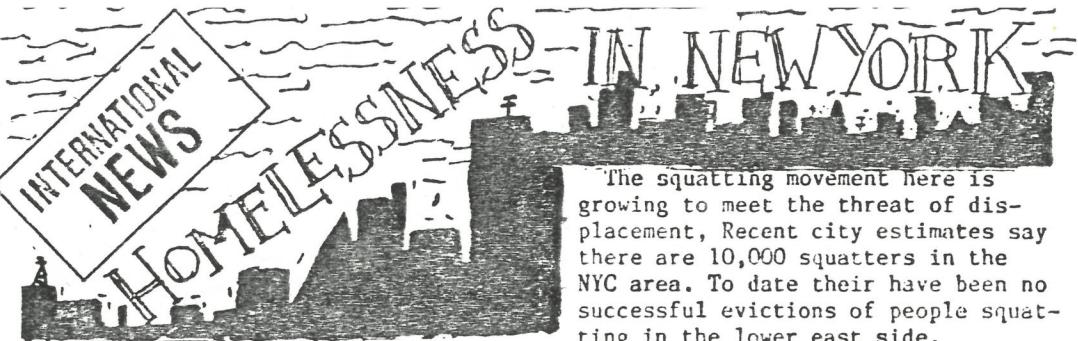
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THE lower east side of Manhattan is one of the last two stands against the sweeping gentrification of New York City's poorest sub neighbourhoods. This seemingly irreversible invasion has claimed every other low income area of Manhattan, with the exception of Harlem, which is fast going the same route. After more than a decade of depopulating the neighbourhood of low income people, developers are starting to move in and the lower east side could soon become another yuppie heaven.



The squatting movement here is growing to meet the threat of displacement. Recent city estimates say there are 10,000 squatters in the NYC area. To date there have been no successful evictions of people squatting in the lower east side.

The early 1970's suburban boom, coupled with rising interest rates, first began the trend of inner city abandonment by landowners. Most of the tenants in these buildings left their homes when suddenly there was no-one to pay rent to. But increasingly, people are deciding to stay and manage the buildings themselves.

Throughout the 1970's the lower east side became the target of a deliberate plan to let it deteriorate. The city took over ownership of abandoned buildings and refused to allow people to rent. This policy of landbanking left 100's of units of housing empty with no relief for the 1000's of homeless in NYC.

One local said "It was all part of a massive plan to decentralise low income and so called minority groups from the downtowns so that they dont bomb the banks and take over the town.

In July 1980 the Urban Homesteading Program was initiated by the city's Dept of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD).

To some squatters "the Urban Homesteading Program represents the states attempt to co-opt the movement...in a lot of ways cutting the head off (the movement) by getting it into the system before it can develop.

One squatter, who had been living in a building that was temporarily 'legalised' and then lost, explains: 'HPD set up this alternative management program (the UHP) to co-opt the movement...reacting to the pressures of defacto populations in these buildings that they couldn't move out. So they did the next best thing:

create a work fare, which is to get people to work on their buildings with a (false) promise that they can become the owners.

Quite outside of the city's program, many of the squats of the lower east side are calling themselves homesteads in the hope that the city will eventually recognise them. Others aren't looking for legalisation. Basically it's because we'd be advocating something which is a fantasy.

Housing groups, in order to eventually homestead these places must keep them empty in the meantime and in fact have attempted to evict one established squat, bringing the cops with them.

For most squatters, this tactic is unpopular: 'They've gone and put up their signs which proclaim exactly the opposite of what they intend: stay out, don't go in, if you're homeless-- fuck you'

'They have a way of trapping you into this whole legal framework that destroys you, destroys your organisation, will destroy our ability to fight against being run out of the neighbourhood. Because the only way that we can fight is if we stick together and we really fight. If they destroy any kind of independent organisation, they have destroyed your ability to fight against displacement.'

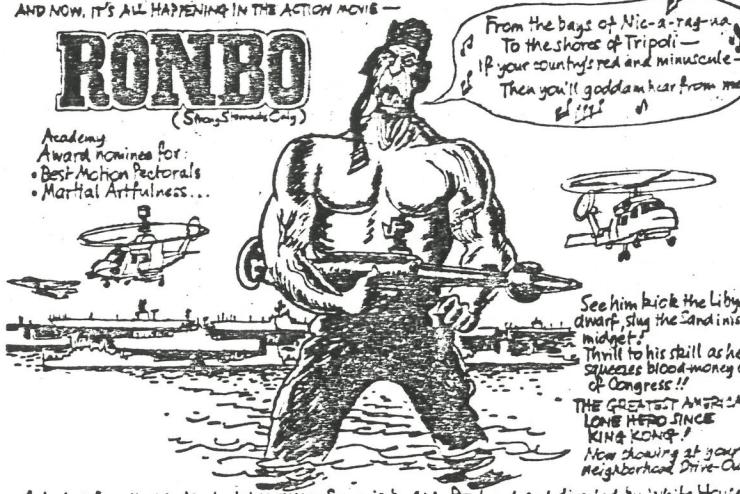


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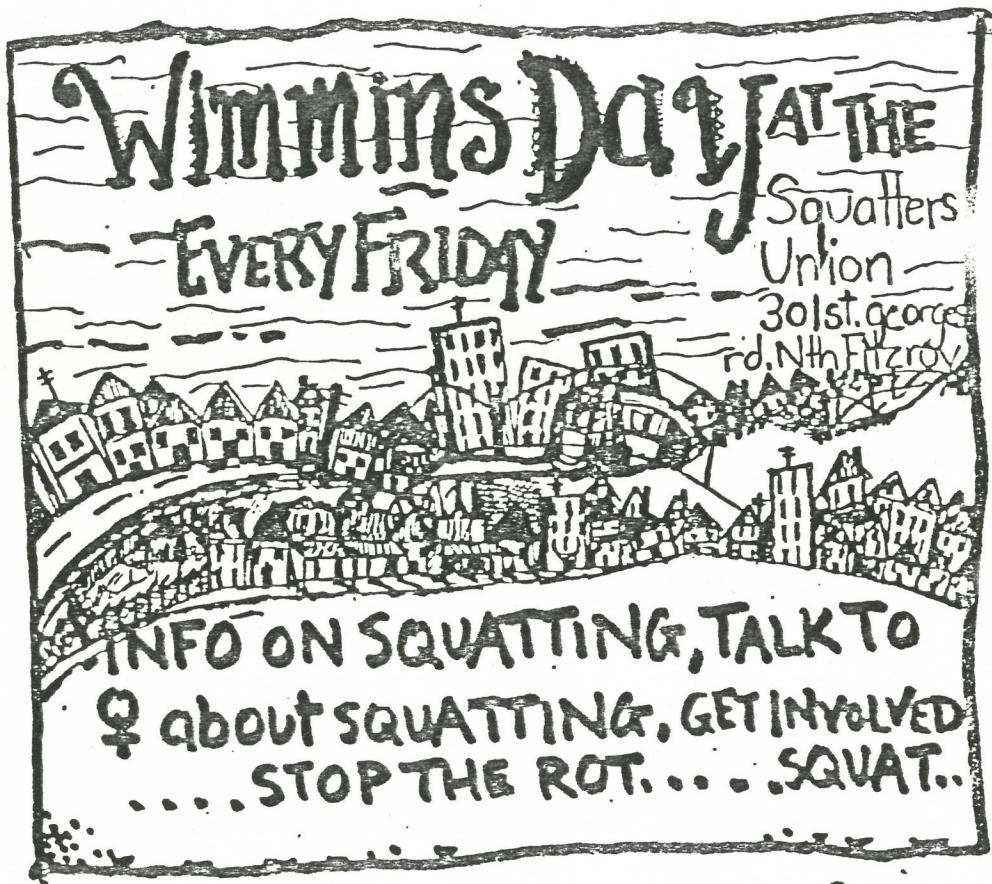
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2 of the 3 squatters arrested at Richelieu St in June have appeared in court recently. One pleaded guilty and got a \$150 fine whilst the other appeared in court on a not guilty plea only to find that the MOH was too gutless to turn up- her charge was dismissed. The final squatter arrested on 3 charges(wilful trespass, offensive language and wilful damage to a police car), has yet to appear.

The ministry has stepped anti-squatter activity with most with most of the known squats in the West being evicted, including a house in Arran St Footscray owned by the Met and empty for 3 years, which was evicted on $\frac{1}{2}$ an hours notice and then bulldozed! Also bulldozed was the Nursery in Footscray- empty for 7 months...car-parks are ace aren't they?.....



HIROSHIMA

INTO ABYSSMAL GREY REMEMBRANCE.....

Sunday, 2 500 human bods (THE AGE fig.) rallied from trades hall and assembled in city square.

The platform sponsored by 30 trade Uns. and C.I.C.O. etc staged local and Japanese trade union speakers, a Uni. physicist plus a Union of Aust actors-Ex TV series prisoner persyn. The equality in gender-29speakers to 20, was made, then soon vanished like doves behind a cloud when the term 'dole bludger, dope smoker' were cast into the spectral mass in front of the acclaimed video inmate. Can just any party or trade union leader platform the view of the brick family house 'average normal' identity and proliferate this media mould-(MM) DOLEBLOODYER and how do they know what its really like anyway?

Any partaker in dole collecting and herb smoking knows that MMs are plastic and versatile, invented for all moment re-use again again. MMs ready made reflect back like solar flash into H-day and Palm sunday goers MM recieving.

Further in the AGE pages on monday a photo shows a dancing pair as the Bush wackers gave out a merry tune amplifed to tune us in, turn us on but not, unless your the MM type, drop out.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki made world news in 1945 WW2. 'They' -Japan were then the 'enemy' and werenot far enough north yet distant enough not to be seen or felt as the bomb landed and lifted a dust cloud into the sky, squeal of flesh torchlit in mega-radioactive sizzle-to cinders, shadow, such it was-a trajic numbness and waste.

So beware as we label, dissassociate, discriminate.

Is there still a rebel ember glow? Blow It shall flame up. The phoenix rise from the Pine Gap Base ashes this coming spring.

I wonder if youve ever felt shudders from underground test tremors? That travelin fast circles. Will they ever end? Hiroshima was one of the 1st 'tests' on things-immobile and animate. A few years ahead and Britain became interested in Maralinga and exploded a few more'tests'!



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Back to the world wars though, the ones that Men were making \$\$\$ from. Machine Men whomade Women WOrk, making the bullets their family's men carried, fired, or caught from a "nip" or "nazi". Later these words were exchanged for "charlie" or "commo" as in Vietnam in the sixties. War Men have us know-there is always an enemy - just the names and the faces keep changing-as fast as star war race zanging hate from mans eyes into cold energy corporate computer inner circuit and on and out.

BY FREE FLOW
AGENT (55)



The poor pay the price

The poorest workers in Britain today earn less relative to the average than they did 100 years ago, says Chris Pond, of the Low-Pay Unit, an independent research organisation which has published its annual low-pay survey. More than 40 per cent of adult workers earn poverty wages according to two recent reports.

Yet British workers are constantly being told they are paid too much.

Over Thatcher's eight years, the take-home pay of the highest decile of workers has increased by 23.4 per cent while for the lowest decile it has increased by only 3.5 per cent.

The Low-Pay Unit claims that the shift to indirect taxes has wiped out even that modest increase for the low-paid.

In the past year alone, the number of low-paid workers increased by 400,000 (5 per cent), bringing the number who earn less than £123 a week to a total 8.8 million workers - 43 per cent of the workforce.

In a country with no statutory minimum wage, the free-market Government has refrained from interfering with the collective bargaining process between unions and employers which has delivered pay increases to the labour elite.

But in order to "price people back into work", the Government has begun to dismantle the machinery which protected the most vulnerable workers. It has achieved the sort of labour market deregulation that Australian free-marketeteers only dream about.

Despite the absence of a legal minimum wage, workers in non-unionised industries - the hotel and restaurant trade, clothing and textiles, hairdressing, and retailing - have been traditionally governed by wages councils which set minimum pay and conditions.

Wages councils emerged at the turn of the century in response to the horrors of sweatshop labour.

Thatcher first tried to abolish them altogether but the protests from churches, the poverty lobby and even employers forced her to modify her aim. Instead, workers under 21 were removed completely from the protection of the wages councils last June.

"The argument was that young people had priced themselves out of jobs," said Dr Al Ralston, director of the northern region's Low-Pay Unit. "But the council rate for a 16-year-old hairdresser was only £31.75p a week. The idea they priced themselves out at that rate is ludicrous."

Ralston believes young workers in these service industries, who

have lost all legal protection, will replace older workers whose wages will eventually be pushed down, too.

The wages councils, from the end of last year, were no longer allowed to set conditions on holidays, shift allowances, tea breaks, and so on, for the remaining workers. They lost flexibility in setting varied pay scales. The change is expected to bring real wage cuts in coming months to a big proportion of the 2.4 million poorest workers in Britain.

Nearly 6 million of the low-paid are women. With full-time male jobs disappearing, the only growth area is the services sector. In practice, that means a growth in menial part-time jobs for women; 62 per cent earn less than £2.20p an hour.

Under Thatcher, the major shift from the manufacturing to services industry has been accompanied by a dramatic and well-documented increase in inequality. Poll evidence shows people are troubled by this trend. They like Labour's policies but not its leader or its image as divided and dominated by "fringe" feminist and race issues.

And doubtless, the majority are too pleased to find themselves a bit richer to worry too much about the other 40 per cent.



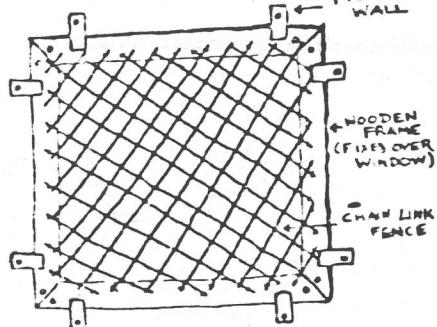
Ten forty-three. In exactly TWO MINUTES I'll ring the FIRST BELL and they'll all stand still! All that is, except your potential DEViates! Your FLEDGLING REBEL! Your incipient BOAT-ROCKER! THEY'LL try to move all right! THEY'LL have to learn the hard way not to move!



So I'll SCREAM at 'em and take their NAMES and give them FIVE DETENTIONS and and EXTRA HOMEWORK! NEXT TIME they won't move after the first bell! Because when they've learned not to question the FIRST BELL, they'll learn not to question their TEXTS! Their TEACHERS! Their COURSES! EXAMINATIONS!



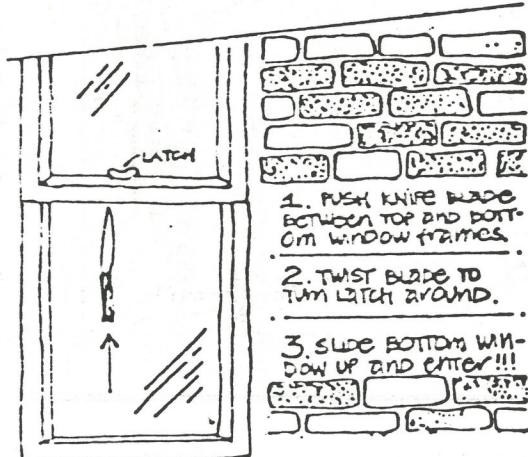
They'll grow up to accept TAXES! HOUSING DEVELOPMENT! INSURANCE! WAR! MEN ON THE MOON! BOOZE! LAWS! POLITICAL SPEECHES! PARKING METERS! TELEVISION! FUNERALS! Non-movement after the first bell is the backbone of Western Civilisation!



WINDOW GRILL

WINDOW OPENINGS

A detachable frame made up of a wooden frame and chain link fencing (see above) are easy to make, give that extra protection, and can be removed easily only from inside.

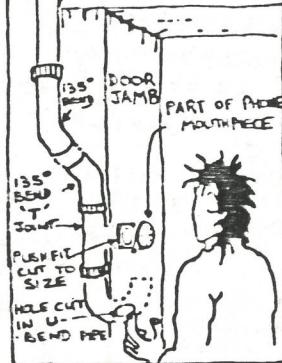


LOCKS AND BOLTS

If you are going to the trouble of securing your den with locks - do it properly. Don't just use one lock or bolt when two, three or even four will be more effective. Also fixing locks to internal doors isn't a bad idea.

Some Hints & Ideas

ACOUSTIC DOOR-OPENER



STASH HOLES

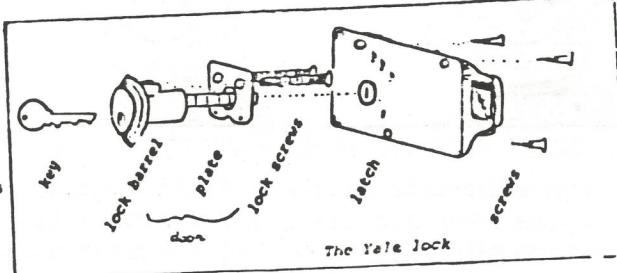
Not strictly relating to defending your home, but relevant enough to be included.

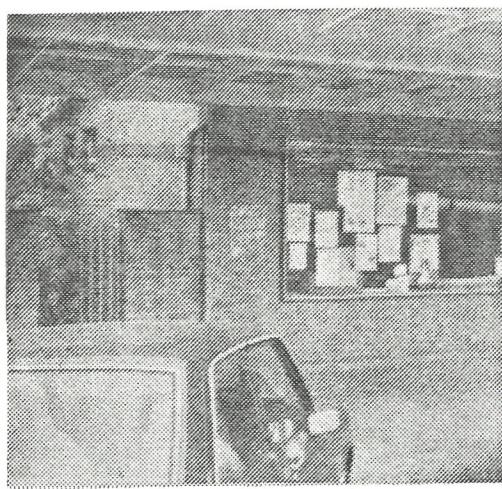
Stash holes are well worth getting sussed. We know of some neat indoor ones where the police would never think of looking. All we can say here (without giving too much away) is - look at your home and THINK of all possibilities.

If your stash is smelly and sniffer dogs are likely to be involved with any raid, use lots of clingfilm and plastic to wrap it in. It's also worthwhile using aniseed or as a last resort lemon washing up liquid to disguise smells.

One neat diversionary tactic is to leave cannabis flavoured incense lying around.

If you can, use outside rather than indoors for safer stashes. A short walk is better than a bust.





COBURG EVICTED

On August 4th, the suburban dream squat at Elizabeth St, Coburg was forcibly evacuated by the Ministry of Housing (MOH) and the police.

An MOH owned shopfront and adjoining house, it was originally squatted in protest against the profiteering of public housing on the private market in March 1986. 18 months in one place is usually a pipe-dream amongst Melbourne squatters.

On Friday, July 31st, 1987, the Coburg MOH Regional Manager paid us a visit to inform us we were trespassing and to leave. After pursuing the matter further in his office, we were assured the case was going to the Residential Tenancies Tribunal (RTT). We couldn't believe our luck. How often have you heard of the MOH taking squatters to the RTT lately? With a few weeks' notice, it's possible to find yourselves a new squat and organise your stuff. It's enough time to trial-squat a few houses in case you get evicted on the first couple. And-shock, horror-it's also possible to organise some resistance for the day of eviction.

But the sleepy, conniving scumbags tricked us. They weren't intending to take us to the RTT at all. They evicted us with police 4 days later.

So, my dear, trusting fellow squatters, never believe what the bureaucracy tells you.

MORTICE LOCKS

These are a pain in the arse 'cos you've usually got to chisel them out of the frame to get through them. The first thing to do is check if they ARE locked. To do this, apply pressure to the door, over the mortice hole. If the door gives you can be fairly sure that it isn't locked. If it is, however, here are a couple of ways to get around it.

(1) Get someone to crow the door as far away from the frame as possible. When there is a wide enough gap, slip a long strong screwdriver around the edge of the mortice lock tongue and you should be able to lever it back (see diagram 3).

(2) This way is easier but will only work with about 4 out of 10 mortice locks - you make a simple pick from an old mortice key using a hacksaw and a file. Use a straight key with no ridges or grooves on it. Then all you have to do is stick it in the lock and use it like a real key until the bolt slides back. It doesn't always work but it's worth a try to avoid excess work (see diagram 4).

DEADLOCKS

Deadlocks and security doors are a bigger problem and you will probably have to jemmy them off or, if possible, drill the locks out and replace them.

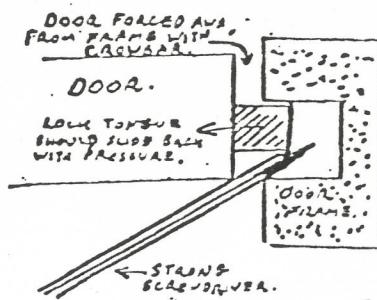


Diagram 3



Diagram 4

S.U. POLL:

DO YOU THINK IYSH.



MINISTER OF HOMELESSNESS

As far as the Ministry is concerned, the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless has been a great success. Evictions have been on a steady increase for the last year and we are completely on line with our target of evicting 48% of public tenants. The eviction of squatters has also been vastly increased and thru our adoption of police thug tactics the process has been speeded up considerably.

I have been informed from several sources that private landowners are having the same success within their section of the community.

All in all we think that IYSH, far from being the farce that some ratbags alledge, will be a 100% success and that 1987 will see the record no. of homeless people so far.



QUILTON COVERUP. POLICE SPOKETHING

The police have worked very closely with the govt on this International year to ensure that it is a success and we've seen very promising results. We always try to be on hand at evictions to protect the property and the owner and to SMASH(sorry) restrain any squatters or tenants if they they show signs of resistance. We think that this, the 'year of homeless' is a huge success and are pleased to have the chance to practise our brutality for the more repressive times ahead

WE ASKED...

HAS BEEN A SUCCESS?



OUR MATE BOB SQUARD

Ahh.... yes, we're very pleased with the results of the IYSH and are glad to see so many govt dept's taking it so seriously and working hard at creating as much homelessness as possible.

Special attention and thanks must go, of course, to the MOH with their grand plan to evict 48% of public tenants. But thanks must also go to the police for their overwhelming enthusiasm and to the landleeches and estate agents who have been commendably bigotted and prejudiced with applicants.

Through their massive support the govt and I have been freer to deal with other important matters such as smashing strikes and manipulating unions, as well as designing new ways to exploit the youth of today. THANK YOU ALL!!



SQUATTER IN DISGUISE
RAYMOND

Well, it's funny you should ask. Why, just the other day I was evicted from my home in Coburg. In fact, I've been made homeless quite a few times this year! Yes indeed, 1987 is definitely the year of the homeless!

COURT CASE re EVICTION OF SQUATTERS

FROM 147 UPPER HEIDELBERG RD, IVANHOE

ON MARCH 14th, 1987. (see Squat-It#7)

Six squatters went to court the other day to face charges of wilful trespass, ejecting missiles, resisting arrest, hindering, indecent language and assault of a police officer. Not all the above charges were pinned on all of the squatters, but rather an assortment of combinations. Plea bargaining resulted in several charges being dropped (assault, language and in one case, ejecting missiles.) Fines of \$75 for trespass and \$75 for resisting arrest were imposed. Two people accepted a 1 year bond of \$200.

COURT OUT?

The charge they keep getting us on is wilful trespass. The issue is head banging. If you miraculously manage to get your case to the Residential Tenancies Tribunal (RTT), they'll simply tell you that you had no legal right to be there in the first place. So the clause concerning whose hardship is worse, yours or the owner's, is useless. The advantage in going to the RTT is in gaining more time before being evicted and for having a date to get organised toward.

Usually squatters are processed through magistrates courts. If you plead Guilty on the mentioned date, with a convincing rave to the magistrate, you'll probably get a fine or a bond. The bond option is ludicrous if you're intending to cont-

The RTT is a civil court which deals with tenant/landowner disputes.

Squatters cannot take landlords to the RTT, but landowners can take squatters. It can be an alternative to police evictions.

inue squatting. Of course you'll be breaking it - no doubt as soon as you walk through your front door!

If you plead Not Guilty on the mentioned day, they'll set a time in the future to hear your case. The police will have to run around preparing the case against you and you'll take up more of the court's time (meaning state dollars). If your argument is 'political', ie the reason why you were wilfully trespassing was because you had nowhere to go, the building was not being used prior to your occupation, your low income (or incompatible nuclear family environment) prevents you from finding accommodation in legally acceptable ways and that the Trespass Act is unfair, then the magistrate will probably point out that his court is not a forum for law reform or political change. In which case you start banging your head on the bench.



It's a catch-22 situation: We can't get our cases to the 'appropriate' court, the RTT, because squatting is illegal and when we go through a magistrate's court, our arguments are dismissed because trespass is a 'criminal offence, not a 'political' one.

So what's the bloody point in going to court if there's no hope of winning?

Good question.

First of all it's worth mentioning that you don't have to get arrested every time you're evicted. You can simply leave when asked.

But if you are arrested, there's a few things to consider:

1. By turning up to court, it will postpone the day when a warrant will be issued for you. Even if you've used a falsie you're under threat if they've got your photo*

2. But alternatively, if you turn up you may be under more threat as it gives the cops a great opportunity to get a good look at you.

3. Court forces the cops to justify their prosecution. They're usually pretty inarticulate.

4. It costs the State heaps to process you. The more time your case takes, the more it costs them. (Sabotage).

5. The day a squatter pleads Not Guilty to a charge of Wilful Trespass and wins will create a precedent, thereby beginning the process for reform of the trespass laws.

Court certainly isn't very encouraging, though. It's also after the dirty deed is done- ie. you've already been evicted and arrested.

So what are some other ways of changing the system and people's ideas?

We can write letters about our situation to the usual boring channels, ie. politicians, government departments, councils, newspapers etc. This is frustratingly slow and far from direct action but it has to have some impact

We can keep active in squatters' groups and the union. A united front intimidates them. It's also good to get involved with other sympathetic groups like tenant groups unions, community groups. If we support them, they'll probably support us.

Grass roots activity. Hand out propaganda around the area you're squatting to explain what you're doing and get them on side. Talk to the locals. If you're evicted, have a picket in the area. Communicating with 'ordinary' people is important for our ideas to become accepted. They won't believe the garbage that oozes from the media if their personal experience proves different.

Mass demos, mass occupations of government departments. For a mass demo you need a mass. But we can still be effective with smaller numbers if we're cohesive about our organisation.

Make life hell for landowners and government departments that evict. Smash their windows, graffiti their buildings Ostracise them!*

Squatting en masse. Large numbers of people squatting demonstrates the reality of homelessness..

We're going to have to find new ways to combat this system that perpetuates homelessness. BUT REMEMBER:

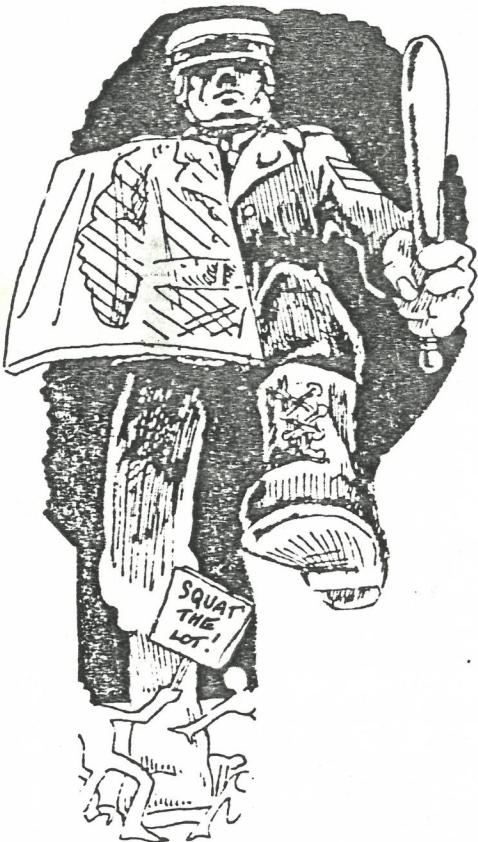
THE LAW IS NOT SET UP FOR THE PEOPLE. IT'S THERE TO PROTECT THE RICH, THE POWERFUL AND THEIR PROPERTY.

*But be prepared for retaliation. We could get branded as being mindless vandals.



*If possible, refuse to have your photo taken (also fingerprints). It's your legal right. (Ha ha).

The whistling groan of passing traffic
ignores down asphalt road,
racing past
the nervously comfortable pathos
of the charade.
this charade
enacted outside
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by
for the homeless young.
So where are the supposed government homes?
For the government seems to refuse to share
and not even apparently waiting to care
to give to the homeless
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fire to cook the food
and heat the coffee
hopefully keeping awake
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hat are angrily full
of the crime of resentment.



HIT THE HAMMER ON THE HEAD.....

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Clonish,monotonous hammerheads
bashing at your door,itching
to take a peak.

Seen the way they live,burning
our receptive retinas.
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style for every want.a super
efficient rotor to mince thier
chemical foods,crisp light
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cumbersome unoriginal shapes,
the wanton use of space.

HAMMERHEADS LIVE ON
CLUTTERING UP THE



A Beverly Hills doctor has been sentenced to wear an electronic device to make sure he obeys a 30 day confinement in a vermin infested block of flats that he failed to repair. He is known as the "Rat Lord".

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BUSY TIMES IN DENMARK

Since the Ryesgack conflict (when the squatters barricaded a whole quarter for nine days) the pigs have crushed any attempts to start new squats-crushed being the operative word. Two houses were squatted in the autumn and evicted within hours by the riot police. A house in the posh suburb of Hellerup was squatted twice the police both times filling the house with teargas - enough to fill an outdoor area. The following day the pigs were treated to a similar experience when a cop shop was sprayed with teargas and batyric acid and stinkbombs; the latter meant that it was 5 weeks before it was reopened.

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On June the 1st, whilst everyone was sitting at home watching the Danish football team on telly, a house was squatted in Veslerbro; the riot police had got warning and arrived immediately. There followed a violent street fight between squatters and the police, with teargas, catapults, molotovs and bricks being thrown back and forth. The house was evicted (everyone being arrested) & both sides suffering casualties.

Meanwhile in Arhus squatters have taken over a disused factory and are still there a month later. They want to use it for accommodation and a 'youth house' for music, theatre etc.

Otherwise things are pretty quiet.

ROCK AGAINST RACISM

SAT: SEPT 12 7:30pm-1am



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